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PURPOSE OF THE BULLETIN

The purpose of the monthly bulletin, brought into existence by our president, is to provide a means of exchange of notes among our members; to provide a means of exchange of notes with other societies; to announce programs for coming meetings; to direct the aims of our various members, so that at the end of the year, we will have tabulated some interesting and valuable additions to our present knowledge of St. Louis Birds; to stimulate interest generally, so that new members may be gained and to convey news of a general nature to those interested in Birdlife.

The committee solicits suggestions, constructive criticism, and worthy additional features to our present make-up.

The committee also acknowledges its indebtedness to "THE RAVEN", bulletin of the Virginia Society of Ornithology, for suggestions in arrangement and form.

ILLUSTRATED WARBLER PROGRAM FOR NEXT MEETING, MAY 18th

An outstanding addition to our property, recently, has been the purchase of a set of COLORED WARBLER SLIDES. In his discussion on Warblers, Mr. A. F. Satterthwait will show these beautiful new productions. Come prepared to contribute your knowledge of, and questions on this large, difficult, and seasonally appropriate group of Birds. Then will follow the roll call, which is to be answered by FIELD REPORTS. A word to the wise is sufficient!

MEETINGS TO BE HELD MORE FREQUENTLY

At the Annual Meeting, March, 31, the suggestion of the Executive Committee met with approval, that monthly meetings be held, excluding the months July and August. This will make possible more discussion of the informal kind, thus enabling us to accomplish more in all our work. They will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, at the Cabanne Library, 1106 N. Union Ave.

CURRENT NEWS AND EXCERPTS

In the Post Dispatch, Sunday, May 8th you will find a two-column article treating the successful Bird Walk at Creve Coeur, Apr. 30th.

THE IMPERILED HEATH HEN. From the magazine "Time", Apr. 11, 1932, our president notes the following excerpts: Only one individual survives of this once common game-bird, found from Maine to Virginia. When hunters reduced the numbers of the Heath Hen a remnant took refuge in Martha's Vineyard. In early 1928 only three individuals were noted. Now the survivor, a male, must be mated with its near Western relative, the Prairie Chicken. Last Summer it was believed that even this lone male was dead, and Prof. A. O. Gross, of Bowdoin College read his obituary before the American Game Conference. Only last week eager observers in the Vineyard found him again. The State of Wisconsin is credited for sending the necessary Prairie Chickens, Dr. Gross will mate them with the Heath Hen, and New York Sportsmen will bear the expense.

Footnote: What shall we name it? Bring your suggestion for a name of the Bulletin to the May meeting, a vote will then be taken, to decide upon the most suitable and agreeable name. The committee has decided the name must have a purpose, perhaps we would, therefore, look for a name among our prominent Ornithologists, or Birds. Perhaps a bird now becoming extinct could be memorialized, or a bird otherwise prominent could be selected.

CURRENT NEWS AND EXCERPTS (Continued from page one)

THE WHISTLING SWAN DIVE. Also from the same number of "Time" we see that about May 1st, a great slaughter of Whistling Swans was noted when a northbound skein of these birds settled upon Niagara River, above the falls to spend the night. In the morning men found the icy gorge below the falls strewn with dead Swans. About fifty survivors sat huddled on the floes. Hundreds meet this same fate yearly; about 10% of those swept over are killed, 30% injured. The dead are sent to charity and the injured go to the Buffalo Zoo, or to Jack Miner's Bird Sanctuary, at Kingsville, Ont.

O'FALLON PARK, APRIL 24th

The Bird Walk arranged by the North St. Louis Business Men's Ass'n for the benefit of School Children met with great success. Sufficient leaders were obtained from the St. Louis Bird Club to arrange almost a dozen groups of about eight to ten children apiece. The children showed much enthusiasm while observing the some twenty to twenty-five birds--the average list obtained by each group.

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

Now is the time the membership of our Club may well be increased. How? By inviting those so inclined to contribute their observations to this bulletin. Further, urge them to join now while dues are low, they will probably be raised in the future. Confer with the Secretary, Miss Barbara Cousland, 506 Lake Ave., City, for forms of membership.

SEND IN NEWS ITEMS

If you hear or read material relative to our work, or know of Bird Activities that will form news for our bulletin, as well as Field Observations, please send them to the Committee. When? By the third day of each month. Where? To the Chairman of the Committee, N. R. Barger, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. For the June issue, only, send observations, etc., by the 23rd of May, since we expect to publish the June issue earlier than usual. Contrary to the proportions in this initial number, future bulletins will devote the major space to observations made by members.

WHERE TO GO

Aside from the parks, of which Forrest Park and Shaw's Garden are outstanding, we shall list good places to go, on this page, as we hear of them. Thus far we have: Deer Creek Area, south of the Log-Cabin Golf Course, on Clayton road; St. Albans, six miles north from U. S. #66, outside of Pond, Mo; Wild Horse Creek, near St. Albans; Rankin Estate, Antire road; Horse Shoe Lake; and, of course, the well known Creve Coeur.

PERSONAL LISTS

All who have lists of Birds they have observed around St. Louis, at any time would confer a favor upon the Committee if they would mail a complete list, with the year noted when the bird was observed. This might well include all work done in the County, and eventually a list might be gotten out, entitled, "County List", and with annotations of the locality, dates, and by whom observed.

A PROJECT

From time to time a call will be made in this Bulletin for information on the status, habits, etc. of one particular bird. The following Bulletin will then be characterized by that feature. Better keep your notes up to date, for who knows, you may have just the information needed. The Bird for June is the Starling. Any one who knows of the nesting of, or has made any observations of this Bird anywhere in Missouri, please send notes to the Committee chairman by the 23rd of May. May we insist that an honest effort be made for completeness, so that we will have the present distribution of this bird established.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING--MAR. 31, 1932

(Extracts from Secretaries' Report)

* High Lights: The report of the Corresponding Secretary gave an interesting account of the publicity, instigated by the St. Louis Bird Club, in connection with Mr. Otto Widman's nintieith birthday. Recognition ranged from messages from Pres. Hoover, Gov. Caulfield, Mayor of St. Louis, feature article in the Sunday Magazine Section of the Globe Democrat, an honarary membership in the St. Louis Bird Club, to many tributes from Ornithological Societies and personal friends. This report also spoke of three radio talks giving the Club publicity.

Mr. Smith made a motion thanking Dr. Behrens for his very successful work in Bird Publicity, during the past year--his term as president. Dr. Behrens had placards printed and placed on trolleys, in the parks, and in several s schools. He had enlisted the cooperation of Mr. Casper Yest of the Globe Democrat, with the result that there were several editorials treating Birds, during the year.

President R. L. Hobbs, the speaker of the evening, explained St. Louis' Contribution to Bird Lore, Present and Future. This contribution is a seasonal report from this region which goes into one of the chief divisions of Bird Lore, the most popular Bird Magazine in the world. Of all present-day projects available to most of us this is the most important. President Hobbs, therefore, urged that more observers send in their reports to him. Due credit will be given those contributing, as their name is placed by their observations.

Then followed Field Reports of members present, which mentioned Pine Warblers, Vesper Sparrows, Starlings, for St. Louis; Egrets and other water-birds near New Orleans; and Bohemian Waxwings at Milwaukee.

A motion was passed making Mr. Edwin Steedman an honorary member of the Club.

The Treasurer reported a checking account of \$169.72 and a savings account of \$435.73, totaling \$605.45.

OFFICERS

President: Mr. R. L. Hobbs.
First Vice-president: Mr. Ernest Birge.
Second Vice-president: Mr. L. M. Dougan.
Rec. Sec: Miss Barbara Cousland.
Cor. Sec: Mrs. A. F. Satterthwait.
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Ass't. Treas: Mr. Walter Palmer.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

N. R. Barger, Chairman.
Miss Barbara Cousland.
Miss Clara Heising.
Tom Kirksey.

WHAT FACTORS REGULATE SONG SEASON

President, Mr. Hobbs, reports definite information that on April 22nd the Hermit Thrush was found in song at Sharon, Mass., at the Moose Hill Bird Sanctuary; whereas in the latitude of St. Louis, on that day (or any other day for that matter) the bird does not sing. What factor determines this? Apparently, such solutions as seasonal physical development do not explain it.

HOW TO SEND IN YOUR FIELD NOTES

First, state your part of the city, or territory covered, and name. We wish to include dates of 'firsts', 'lasts', nesting data, unusual birds, increase and decrease of the species, and birds entirely absent where formerly seen. Dates of all observations are essential. Do not send in notices of simple observation of birds known to be almost everywhere present, as for instance, a single Cardinal observed somewhere in June, singing. A word to the wise is sufficient! Methods of keeping note-books and what to observe will be treated in detail in the next number. For the present let us stress accuracy of identification, keeping our attention centered on getting detailed accounts of our more common species, rather than upon seeing our personal list of rare observations increase. If these hints are followed the committee will not have to cut reports, in order to get rid of useless material. Under the head of, "From Our Daily Journals" are the reports we received, and all had to be re-edited by the committee. Members are asked to write them as they wish them to appear--following these suggestions.

FROM OUR DAILY JOURNALS

SHAW'S GARDEN. Mr. Rob't. W. Barrell, reports a list of 49 species, observed by him in his six walks, during April. From this list of 49, we note the following as the more outstanding: Solitary Sandpiper, Kingfisher, Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, 23rd; Kingbird, Cowbird, Baltimore Oriole, Purple Finch, European Tree Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Purple Martin, Black and White Warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Apr. 2nd; Green Heron, 24th; and Hermit Thrush, 16th. Mr. Barrell notes ten species apparently absent which should have been noted: Black-billed Cuckoo, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Cedar Waxwing, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Catbird, Crested Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, and Wood Thrush.

CREVE COEUR LAKE. The aggregation of lists, obtained by observers at this lake Apr. 30th, is 83. We have only lists from three observers to draw from, however. We note the following as outstanding: Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Least Flycatcher, Horned Lark, Orchard Oriole, White-crowned Sparrow, Lincoln Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak (northern extent of its range, Ed.), Dickcissel, Prothonotary Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Cedar Waxwing, Tree Swallow, Bank Swallow, Tennessee Warbler, Black-poll Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Pine Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Mockingbird, Grey-cheeked Thrush, Veery, and Blue-grey Gnatcatcher. Nests of the Blue-grey Gnatcatcher and Cardinal were noted.

FORREST PARK SATURDAY WALKS. We have reports of two of the walks taken in April, and cull the following: Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Fox Sparrow, and White-throat on the 2nd; Field Sparrow, House Wren, and Yellow Warbler on the 23rd, (the Yellow Warbler being 'caught' on time); Red-bellied Woodpecker, Tennessee Warbler, and American Redstart, also on the 23rd. (This is an early date of the Tennessee Warbler, Ed.).

MR. TOM KIRKSEY. Mr. Kirksey has submitted a number of interesting observations for the month in general: Especially the Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Mockingbird, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Orchard Oriole, Wood Pewee, Swamp Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Bank Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Hermit Thrush, Olive-backed Thrush, Wood Thrush, Water-thrush, Warbling Vireo, Canadian Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Pine Warbler, Wilson's Snipe, and Semipalmated Sandpiper.

DEER CREEK: Firsts: Pied-billed Grebe, 2nd; Rough-winged Swallow, 7th; Solitary Sandpiper, Chimney Swift, House Wren, 15th; Green Heron, Indigo Bunting, Red-eyed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Blue-winged Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, and Maryland Yellow-throat, 24th. Nest of Phoebe with first egg, Apr. 15th. Rare: Woodcock, 3 on 2nd, and 2 on 15th; Starling, on 7th, 10th, 15th, and 28th. In FORREST PARK, in daily sunrise, one-hour visits, 70 species were noted. Firsts: Black and White Warbler, 1st (one week early); Purple Martin, 3rd; Blue-grey Gnatcatcher, 9th (same day as last year in same place); Palm Warbler, Catbird, Wood Thrush, and Pine Warbler, 22nd; White-eyed Vireo, Redstart, 24th; Kingbird, Crested Flycatcher, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Yellow Warbler, and Olive-backed (?) Thrush, 25th; White-crowned Sparrow, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Veery, 27th. Lasts: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 10th; Hermit Thrush, 19th. Starling, three times and a flock of Geese once. Nests: Eleven of Bronzed Grackles. Nests begun from 1st till 10th in various cases. First egg in first nest on 16th. Six was the largest compliment. Two nests of Brown Thrashers. Four eggs on 21st in one, the other met with destruction. At CREVE COEUR GOLF COURSE: Wilson Snipe, Prairie Horned Lark, and European Tree Sparrow, 11th. The latter was also met with in Deer Creek, Apr. 15th both this year and last.--Report of N. R. Barger.

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THE STARLING

As most of us know, the Starling has been making rapid advances into St. Louis territory, during the last few years. Reports gathered at random show that the Starling may be seen with some regularity in all parts of the city. Mr. R. W. Barrell writes, "On the afternoon of May 15th, I identified three and probably four Starlings in Shaw's Garden. They seemed to be unwelcomed visitors to the Red-winged Blackbirds, who were chasing them about". Mr. R. L. Hobbs records them on May 5th in Webster, and states that they may frequently be seen in a certain field near his home. On Dec. 7th, 1931, a Starling was picked up at Ladue and Worson roads, and is now mounted. Mr. Tom Kirksey saw one on Big Bend and Forsythe, on May 13th. In addition we have at hand a list of dates upon which the Starling was met with in Forest Park, Horse Shoe Lake, Deer Creek, Creve Coeur Lake, and at the junction of Big Bend and Wydown. At the last named place they are nesting, and may be seen at leisure as they fly from the telephone post down to a vacant field back of Fontbonne College. The nest is high up, in a woodpecker cavity, of this post, and the adults have been carrying food to the nestlings from May 19th. The largest flock we have on record was seen at Horse Shoe Lake, Nov. 7, 1931, by Mr. H. E. Bradley, Mr. Pinkus, and the writer. We estimated about three-hundred. As to when the Starling was first seen in the city, we have Mr. Mueller's record, Jan. 29, 1929. For Missouri, the first date is Jan. 28, 1928, at Charleston. By far the most dates we have were recorded in 1931, the only one for 1930 being a single instance in East St. Louis.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT MEETING, JUNE 15th

At the usual time and place, two small, yet difficult families of birds will be treated, fifteen minutes being devoted to each family. They are the Vireos and Flycatchers. Two leaders will conduct the discourses, after which will follow the roll-call, answered by reports of personal observations. Last time this method of reporting met with popular favor, and promises a worthwhile evening to those members who fear the programs are too dull.

THE NEXT PROJECT

Since an effort is on foot to establish the present distribution of the European Tree Sparrow by several agencies, it will be well for us to characterize our next issue by statistics of this bird. As many of us know, this bird is found only around St. Louis, but we do not know fully to what extent, or whether the bird has fallen off in numbers. Members, in responding, are requested to report, for the next issue, information made of its introduction--when, where, and by whom, etc., as well as present data. For those who are in doubt as to the color markings which distinguish this sparrow (Montanus) from the common sparrow (Domesticus) we suggest that they consult the works on British Birds, several volumes of which may be found in the main library reference room.

NEXT ISSUE--THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

Due to our omission of meetings during July and August our bulletin will also be omitted during that time. Members are therefore asked to send their Summer material, by Sept. 5th to Miss Barbara Cousland, 506 Lake Ave.

YOUR NEXT REPORT TO BIRD-LORE

Don't forget the date--not later than June 14th. For new members the address is Mr. R. L. Hobbs, 315 Glendale Rd., Webster, compiler for this region.

A NAME?

Another chance is given here for all members to suggest a name for the bulletin. The list so far: "Widmann Bulletin", Hummingbird, Pelican, Passenger Pigeon, Chat. The committee will hold this open till the publication of the September number, kindly send in your preference, or new suggestion, with your September report.

RECORDING NOTES FOR EASY REFERENCE

(As "THE RAVEN" suggests)

We are conveying the news of a good method in keeping bird notes. Procure two loose-leaf note-books, the first to be used for daily work and the second for general. In the first a separate sheet or sheets are used for one month only. This sheet is ruled as in a regular roll-call system. On this sheet, list the birds as they are seen, on the left side of the page. A vertical column at the right will be ruled for each date upon which observations are made. Thus opposite the names of each bird you will write the number seen in the proper square. At the close of the month a new sheet is started. Thus at the close of the year, there is a complete record for each month. In the second book a separate sheet or sheets are set aside for each bird. Under this head there will be copied the important dates from the calendar-book; and notes of habits added. Thus the two books work together. Such questions as the following will also be settled: Does the bird occur here? How common? Where most common? Is it increasing? Is it a permanent resident? Evidence of its breeding? etc.

CARD OF THANKS

The St. Louis Bird Club wishes to acknowledge with thanks, the bird publicity of the past year given by the Globe-Democrat, Post Dispatch, The Star, and the St. Louis Times. These papers all gave space to fine editorials, and also many lines of reading space. In addition the two first named gave front page stories, in their Sunday Magazine Sections, beautifully illustrated in color. The thanks of the Club are also due to the St. Louis Public Service Co., who gave valuable space for from four to six weeks in 1300 of their street cars. Not only that but they also printed the cards at no expense to the St. Louis Bird Club. They later turned over all the cards to the Club, and Prof. Dougan distributed them among the Public School children to post.

REPORT OF MAY MEETING--MAY 18th

High lights: The President announced that the Associated Press was ready to accept bird pictures, that might be available for their use. They also pay for the use of them. Point No. 2. The showing of the new Warbler slides, with lecture by Mr. Satterthwait. Point No. 3. The wide-spread interest shown in the personal reports of observations made by the members, which was the final event of the meeting.

SUMMER WORK

Aside from the work of making notes this Summer, members are asked to keep an eye out for ornithologists in the state who might be added to our list of contributors for Bird-Lore. We have relatively few in this large state, so there are sections that are not covered at all by our endeavor.

WHERE TO GO

Miss Ernst adds the following to our list: Upper St. Francis Basin, Silver Mine Dam, and Mississippi River opposite the Coch Hospital.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED MAY 1932

Program: Dr. D. M. Hetler, Chairman	Publicity: Miss L. R. Ernst, Chairman
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Mrs. A. Jones	Miss Barbara Cousland
	Mr. Tom Kirksey

N. B.

Summer is the time for nests. The Bulletin will therefore expect careful detailed accounts of nesting activities--these may be made of the most common birds too as well as of the rarer. Accounts of observations made in the state while on vacation will also be welcomed. Of course we also have the chance to add a new breeder, for St. L.

FROM OUR DAILY JOURNALS

"CLOVIRIS". Nesting and banding: Bluebird nestlings in old bird box by the 24th of April. On May 9th we banded the nestlings, 4 of them, and after being placed back in the box, they immediately left it. Both parents were also taken, the mother having previously been banded on May 3, 1930 at 4.30 A. M., and also having raised a family of 3 in the same box that year. Have not had time to check up yet on banding date of father. Blue Jay began building on Apr. 2nd, in Elm tree. Wood Thrush, not observed until nest was finished, I think the 4th of May. On horizontal branch of Elm, and with great bunch of paper dangling. On May 22nd the thrush was apparently still sitting. Crested Flycatcher, began building in box against trunk of mulberry tree May 17th. Bewick Wren, five in all, apparently young ones just out of the nest, on May 21st at 2.30 P. M. We banded a family of Chickadees, taken from nest at Mr. Hobbs, Webster, on May 19th. 5 young birds. One adult was taken and was a bird which we had banded in our garden at 188 Waverly Pl., 1932. On May 10th a White-crowned Sparrow was banded, and on May 21st a Mourning Warbler (male), having been taken in Cohasset Warbler trap. Also, May 21st, Bicknell (?) Thrush--length, $7 \frac{3}{8}$ "(?), but wing $4 \frac{1}{16}$ "(Gray-cheeked (?)). Firsts: Olive-backed Thrush, Wood Thrush, and House Wren Apr. 22nd; White-throated Sparrow, Palm Warbler, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Apr. 21st Cape-May Warbler, 3rd; White-crowned Sparrow, 10th; and Hermit Thrush, Apr. 18th, perhaps not first date. On May 4th, a list of 21 species were observed between 7.50 and 8.15 A. M., as I walked the length of our garden, and return. Distance less than 200 ft. The most outstanding: Cape May Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Redstart, Myrtle Warbler, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bewick Wren, Baltimore Oriole, and Crested Flycatcher.--Mrs. A. F. Satterthwait.

SHAW'S GARDEN. Of the ten species of birds mentioned in the May bulletin as not in evidence in Shaw's Garden up to May 1st, all were on hand by May 8th, except the Red-eyed Vireo and the Least Flycatcher. Cuckoos, Waxwings, Warbling Vireos, Yellow Warblers, Catbirds, Crested Flycatchers and Wood Thrushes all common. Summer residents are now plentiful in Shaw's Garden, but nothing further of outstanding note (Mr. Barrell's note on the Starling is on page one, Ed.). My present impressions of the bird life in Shaw's Garden are that there are a larger number of birds to be seen now than there were a few years ago, but a smaller number of species.--Robert W. Barrell.

WEBSTER (GLENDALE). Nests: Robin, began Apr. 3rd; completed about Apr. 8th; first egg, Apr. 10th. On Apr. 18th the nest was destroyed by a marauding boy, who tore away the upper half of the nest and took all the eggs but one. Another nest, on oak limb, young about May 1st; left nest May 15th, the last one going about 6 P. M. Chickadees, in box about 8 ft. up in persimmon tree. Nest begun Apr. 7th; sitting by the 22nd, the number being from 6 to 8; May 2nd hatched. May 8th, one of the babies lost, probably picked by an English Sparrow. May 19th the brood was banded, placed back in the box, but left almost immediately. The final number proved to be five. One of the adults had already been banded by the Satterthwaits, who also banded the brood. Brown Thrasher, date of departure from nest, May 16th. Cardinals, nest placed in low vine on a fence. May 1st, two eggs, but on May 2nd, these eggs were found upon the ground, nearby, broken, no doubt by a cat. European Sparrows, nest in House Wren Box, young b May 10th. May 15th had their pictures taken while being fed at the entrance. May 18th left the box early in the morning and have not been seen since. May 19th, adults were back at the box, and fixing the old nest over for another brood, we hope. Blue Jay, three young just out of the nest, May 18th. Bank Swallow, seen flying about their cavities in the bank on the hill leading down to Creve Coeur Lake. Firsts: Chimney Swift, Apr. 16th; Hummingbird, Apr. 24th; Wood Thrush, Apr. 27th; and Yellow Warbler, Apr. 23rd (Forest Park). Other dates: Black and White Warbler, 5th (Wellston); Black Poll Warbler, Apr. 30th (Creve Coeur), May 10th and 14th (Webster); Indigo Bunting, 12th (chorus of 5 singing, Wellston); Killdeer, 19th (at Westboro Golf Club, permanent, I think); Mourning Warbler, May 21st (through courtesy of Satterthwaits, into whose trap the bird had come); Orchard Oriole, 9th, 14th and several times since, (a male of first year plumage, seen both at St. Albans and in Webster); Starling, 5th; Bicknell (?) Thrush, May 21st, (also through the courtesy of the Satterthwaits, into whose trap the bird had come); Red-bellied Woodpecker, Apr. 30th; Cedar Waxwing, May 2nd and 8th; and Yellow-breasted Chat, May 8th.--R. L. Hobbs.

FORREST PARK. First: Yellow-throated Vireo, Grinnell's Water-thrush, and Least Flycatcher, 2nd; Parula Warbler, and Whip-poor-will, 3rd; Blackburnian Warbler and Nighthawk, 4th; Wilson Warbler and Bay-breasted Warbler, 5th; Black-throated Green Warbler and Hooded Warbler, 6th. Starling (breeding in post at junction of Wydown and Big-bend, seen feeding nestlings from 19th); European Tree Sparrow, 1 (Clayton); Mockingbird, 1, 4th; and Black and White Warbler, 2nd. Nests: Blue Jay five eggs on 7th. Thrasher, young just out of nest on 14th. Grackles, young just out of nest on 20th. Bluebird, young just out of nest, 15th. Black-poll Warbler and Olive-backed Thrush, 24th.--N. R. Barger.

St. LOUIS (GENERAL). Acadian Flycatcher and White-breasted Nuthatch, 3rd; Dickcissel (2), Least Flycatcher, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Tree Swallow, Water-thrush Turkey Vulture, Green Heron and Wilson Snipe, 6th; Blue Jay, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, and Whip-poor-will, 7th; Kingbird, Baltimore Oriole, and Migrant Shrike, 8th; Indigo Bunting, Yellow-breasted Chat, Myrtle Warbler, Pine Warbler, Carolina (?) Wren, and Yellow-throated Vireo, 9th; Orchard Oriole, Starling, and Summer Tanager (?), 13th; Mockingbird, Rough-winged Swallow, Red-shouldered (?) Hawk, and Great Blue Heron, 15th; Grey-cheeked and Olive-backed Thrush, 16th; Sparrow Hawk, 17th; Oven-bird, and Cedar Waxwing, 20th; Bank Swallow, 21st; Sharp-shinned (?) Hawk, 22nd.--Tom Kirksey.

BIRD BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Handbook of Birds, F. M. Chapman. D. Appleton & Co. 4.00.
 N. A. Warblers, " 4.00.
 Catalog, Birds of Missouri, Otto Widmann. St. Louis Academy of Science. 3.00.
 Bird Music, Schuyler Matthews. G. P. Putnam, N. Y., 1904. 3.50.
 Bird Guide, two vol. C. A. Reed. Doubleday Doran & Co. 1.25 per vol.
 Bird Studies with a Camera, H. K. Job. A. L. Bunt Co. 2.50
 Bird Neighbors, (for children), N. Blanchon. Doubleday Doran & Co. 1.75.
 American Birds, three vol. T. G. Pearson. The University Soc. Co. Inc. N. Y. 20.00.
 Massachusetts Birds, E. H. Forbush. Mass. Dept. of Conserv. 25.00.
 Biology of Birds, J. A. Thomson. 1923. Macmillan Co. N. Y. 5.00.
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 Methods of Attracting Birds, G. H. Trafton. 1910. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston.
 Audubon's Works, R. Lockworth & Son.
 John Burrough's Works, 1899. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston.
 Nat. Geog. Mag. Bird Section, Henry W. Henshaw.
 American Game Birds, C. A. Reed. C. K. Reed Pub. Co.
 Ducks, Shore Birds, etc. C. B. Cory. Little, Brown & Co.
 Bulletins Dept. of Agriculture, Washington--free:
 A. K. Fisher, Hawks & Owls (food). S. D. Judd, English Sparrow. Kalmbach & McAttee, Bird Houses. Beal, McAttee, Weed, and Dearborn on food.
 The Starling, E. H. Forbush.

Many Bird Books may be had from the Western Nature Supply House, Locust St., City.

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